

**MICHIGAN BOW AND ARROW RELATED INCIDENTS
INJURIES AND FATALITIES
1979 - 2000**

1979

2 incidents – unknown circumstances, outcome

1980

1 incident – unknown circumstances, outcome

1981

No bow hunting related incidents.

1982

- 1. (Non-Fatal) Shooter failed to identify target.
- 2. (Non-Fatal) Shooter failed to identify target.
- 3. (Non-Fatal) Bow hunter fell from a scaffold.

1983

No bow hunting related incidents.

1984

No bow hunting related incidents.

1985

- 1. (Non-Fatal) Bow hunter fell from a scaffold.

1986

No bow hunting related incidents.

1987

- 1. (Non-Fatal) Shooter failed to identify target.
- 2. (Non-Fatal) Bow hunter stumbled and fell cutting himself with a broad head.

1988

- 1. (Fatal) Brothers bow hunting together, one of whom failed to identify his target.
- 2. (Non-Fatal) Bow hunter cut severely while carelessly handling an arrow.

1989

- 1. (Non-Fatal) Squirrel hunter failed to identify target, striking archer in tree stand.
- 2. (Non-Fatal) Prior to lawful hunting hours, bow hunter failed to identify target, striking another archer.

- 3. (Non-Fatal) Bow hunter in an elevated stand, prior to lawful hunting hours, failed to identify target walking through a dry bean field.

1990

- 1. (Fatal) Father and son were bow hunting on the first day of the season. The son heard a noise after dark, shot, fatally wounding his father.
- 2. (Fatal) Victim hunting deer with a bow and arrow from a tree stand. The victim fell from the tree, sustaining an arrow wound to his leg, severed an artery. Victim had no fall restraint system.
- 3. (Fatal) Victim, deer hunting from a tree stand fell 15 feet to the ground, sustaining a broken neck.

1991

1. (Fatal) Victim, deer hunting from a tree stand, fell, sustaining a broken neck. Drugs and alcohol reportedly involved.
2. (Non-Fatal) Victim bow hunting from a tree stand which collapsed. Victim, found a day and a half later, sustained severe leg/back injuries.

1992

- 1. (Fatal) Hunting partners attempting to locate a deer, when the shooter heard rustling in some bushes. Shooter fired into the bushes striking the victim in the left thigh.

1994

No Fatalities reported

1995

No Fatalities reported

1996

1 Fatal fall

1997

3 Fatal falls

1998

6 Fatal falls

1 Fatal shooting

1999

- 2 Non-fatal shooting – shooters failed to identify target (1 occurred prior to legal hunting hours)

2000

1 Non-fatal injury - walked into arrow, hunting after hours (law violation)

1 Non-fatal shooting – shooter failed to identify target

3 Fatal falls

- DENOTES INCIDENTS WHERE HUNTING IN LOW LIGHT CONDITIONS IS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE INJURY OR DEATH

